



599TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP EXECUTIVE NEWS

"End to End Deployment and Distribution Throughout the Pacific"

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GLOBAL CARGO DISTRIBUTION:

Cargo distribution and port management are the two critical process components of the surface distribution mission. To meet this mission, our Global Distribution professionals develop best value transportation contracts and container-leasing agreements, which support the transportation management of freight such as tanks, fuel, ammunition, combat vehicles, food and other commodities to locations within the Continental United States (CONUS) and throughout the world.

We encourage our customers to visit the SDDC Web site to learn more about our ability to support your cargo movement requirements [http://www.sddc.army.mil/public/Global+Cargo+Dist](http://www.sddc.army.mil/public/Global+Cargo+Distribution/)ribution/. You will find links to Billing Rates, Port Information, Contracts and a number of other informative subjects.

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From the Desk of the Commander

The first quarter went by quickly and the next quarter promises to just as productive with a number of missions and training opportunities.

We are actively working a number of initiatives for SDDC supporting our military customers and specifically our Combatant Commanders.

Among these initiatives are the ITV Pilot Demonstration with our industry partners here on Oahu.

Another major initiative includes the OSD sponsored Joint Regional Inventory Materials Management / Single Movement Manager (JRIMM/SMM) which includes all services and components on Oahu. The lead organizations are OSD and DLA; however our S-3, Lt Col Reggie Hall, is a co-chair of the SMM. The opportunity surfaced as the various components described challenges with equipment availability and observed inefficient loads.

Our JCS Exercise schedule has already kicked off with the start of Exercise Balikitan '06 in the Philippines. This will be followed in close order with RSOI in Korea and Cobra Gold in Thailand. This provides our units with the opportunity to exercise the capabilities we need to support our nation during contingency operations.

Although there has been a push to reduce the scope of the exercises to reduce the impact the exercises have on the many military organizations who participate as we continue our involvement in the War on Terror, the Cobra Gold exercise is shaping up to be a significant opportunity for us. Included in these exercises is the invaluable participation with our industry partners and MSC. Working with industry on meeting contingency planning ensures our



Colonel Kreklow

ability to meet the challenges our nation faces.

At the 599th, we are effectively managing a major reorganization where we combined our S-3 Operations staff and our S-6 Information Management staff. With this we created integrated teams that are much more aligned with our updated mission of Deployment, Distribution and Container Management.

The lessons learned from our 2004 deployment to SWA drove

concept/structure changes to create a rapidly deployable, expeditionary unit. The benefits of this reorganization include: supporting seamless E2E deployment and distribution; training and operating in peacetime as we would fight; providing integrated TDA/TOE capability to bridge the gap through SDDC Transformation initiatives; paving the road for development of IT savvy operators in the future; leveraging civilian and military capabilities and creating scaleable functionality; and bridging the gap between functional and technical skills.

As I close, I wish to thank all of our partners who make it possible for us to complete our missions effectively, efficiently, timely and safely. We couldn't do our job without you!

Last, I'd like to extend an invitation for all to join us for our Multimodal Workshop on March 3. Additional details are included in this newsletter or you can contact our CAO, Ms. Robyn Mack, about this or any other information you desire.

Col. Kathi L. Kreklow
Commander, 599th Transportation Group

599th hosts one-day Multi Modal workshop March 3

The 599th Transportation Group is hosting a one-day Multi Modal Training Workshop March 3 at the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Registration can be made via the Group's Web site at <http://sddc-www.hi.pac.army.mil>.

While the agenda is in the planning stages, the workshop

will focus on two elements: deployment and distribution.

Some of the tentative topics include:

- * An Industry Panel
- * U.S. Pacific Command Intermodal Distribution Lines
- * Container Management within PACOM Area of Responsibility
- * SDDC Transformation
- * Cargo Preparation for

Surface Movement

- * Unit Responsibilities When Shipping Cargo via Liner
- Space is limited to the first 100 registrants.**

Additional questions can be directed to the Workshop coordinators, Mr. Martin Leehane via e-mail at martin.b.leehane@us.army.mil or Ms. Robyn Mack via e-mail at robyn.mack@us.army.mil.

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Recognizing Excellence

Young Brothers, Limited, supports Hawaii military mission

To ensure the military's mission is accomplished, the military looks to the Young Brothers team of Vic Angoco, Vice-President and General Manager; Frank Empeno, Reservations Supervisor; Shirley Lee, Customer Service Supervisor; Dean Kapoi, Honolulu Operations Manager; Roger Olegario, Neighbor Island Operations Manager; and, Tracy Fujikawa, Sales Representative.

Their support, and the support of the many dedicated Young Brothers employees over the years, has contributed to the readiness of the military units in Hawaii.

Since 1900, Young Brothers has grown to become Hawaii's foremost inter-island freight handling and transportation company. Through its involved, dedicated



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(Left to right) Dean Kapoi, Honolulu Operations Manager; Vic Angoco, Vice President and General Manager of Young Brothers; Shirley Lee, Customer Service Supervisor; Roger Olegario, Neighbor Island Manager; Tracy Fujikawa, Sales; and, Frank Empeno, Lead Barge Terminal Superintendent.

and skilled workforce, its fleet of tugs and barges, along with its container handling equipment and container fleet, Young Brothers

has provided the military with outstanding support in moving cargo between the islands of Hawaii. With 18 barge sailings a week

from the port of Honolulu to the islands Kauai, Maui, Hawaii (Big Island), Molokai and Lanai, Young Brothers stands ready to support the military's mission.

Young Brothers' support consists of the movement of general cargo (from a pallet to full container loads) and POV's between the Hawaiian islands on a weekly basis, to the deployment of barges filled with military equipment in support of training exercises at the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the Big Island primarily for the 25th Infantry Division and Marine Corps units based in Kaneohe.

Recently, Young Brothers also deployed a tug and barge carrying resupply cargo along with construction equipment and materials to support the military's mission on Wake Island.

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Movement Masters of the Pacific

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UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRACT:

The newest version of our primary ocean shipping contract is in the final phases of approval and processing. Effective Feb. 1, Universal Service Contract (USC-05) will expand the services we can obtain from our Industry partners to more efficiently and effectively support the Warfighter! More detail will be provided in future issues.

CONTAINER MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TOOL:

In response to the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's (SDDC) designation as the Global Container Manager, the 599th Transportation Group began the implementation process of the Container Management Support Tool (CMST) in the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM). CMST was first fielded in South West Asia as a means to more accurately track, and ultimately reduce, container detention charges. Not only does CMST allow SDDC to execute their container management mission, but it has developed into a tool allowing shipping and receiving activities to more efficiently monitor and report container movements in and out of

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How are we doing?

Feedback is vital to improving service. People with comments about SDDC's service may access the customer response form on the SDDC Web site at <http://www.sddc.army.mil> (Global Cargo Distribution window). Questions and comments specific to the 599th Transportation Group and units, can e-mail cao@pac.sddc.army.mil.

Deployment, Lessons Learned, and Exercise Preparations...

The 4th Quarter remained a busy one for the 599th Transportation Group.

The 84th Engineer Battalion embarked on a year-long tour in South West Asia, and the soldiers and civilians of the 599th were alongside the unit at every step of the deployment process.

From providing guidance on preparing cargo for shipment and assisting with alert holding area (AHA) operations to documenting the cargo as it was loaded on the vessel, the 599th once again delivered outstanding customer service.

In addition to deploying forces, the 599th was also heavily involved in supporting major exercises.

In late November, Army Reserve officers, Lt. Col. James Miller and Maj. Guy Campbell made the long journey from the U.S. East Coast to Oahu, Hawaii to participate in Terminal Fury 2006 (TF 06) as part of their annual training.

After two days of in-briefings and training at U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) Headquarters at Camp Smith, Miller and Campbell were assigned to PACOM's Deployment and Distribution Operations Center (P-DDOC) Surface Cell for the duration of the Command Post Exercise (CPX).

As members of the P-DDOC Surface Cell, Miller and Campbell's primary duties were monitoring vessel movements, cargo flow, and port status, as well as ensuring the information was provided to P-DDOC leadership on a timely basis. Providing this data is critical, as it's the information



LOG ON

(Foreground) Sgt. 1st Class Greg Regpala and Mr. Rick Marsh, both with the 599th Transportation Group Operations Section, manually scan the arrival of engineering equipment from South Korea.

the commanders rely on to formulate an accurate common operating picture.

Maj. Jeffrey Moore, P-DDOC's Chief of Missions Divisions, said, "The role these gentlemen played is essential -- the P-DDOC can't function properly without knowledgeable, capable transporters gathering, reporting, and acting on information. Their hard work was no small part of the P-DDOC's success in TF 06."

The Group's participation in TF 06 was not limited to the P-DDOC; the 599th also sent a representative to Pearl Harbor to serve in the Joint Task Force 519 Joint Movement Center. Sgt. 1st Class Greg Regpala, the 599th's senior Plans and Readiness noncommissioned officer, was originally assigned as the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Liaison Officer (SDDC LNO) at

Flagship Makalapa, but was also tasked to fill the role as the Sealift Planner. Not only did Regpala provide vessel and surface cargo information, but also developed Non-combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) and Intra-Theater Sustainment Movement Concept of Operations (CONOPS).

The 599th Transportation Group also conducted a week-long Plans

Conference at Wheeler Army Air Field in December, with attendees representing SDDC G5, PACOM J46, U.S. Army

Pacific (USARPAC) G4, and the 599th subordinate battalions from Naha, Okinawa; Yokohama, Japan; and Pusan, Korea.

The agenda was packed with Operations Plan (OPLAN) briefings, CONOPS for plans within the Area of Responsibility (AOR), and discussions of Pacific port capabilities.

Other items of discussion were the S3/6 integration occurring at 599th Headquarters, the future of the Director of Mobility Forces for Surface (DM4S) in the Korean Theater, and communications requirements for Deployment and Distribution Support Teams in the PACOM AOR.

Much time was also spent on the HQ, SDDC Enablers Support Brief for OPLAN / Transformation and preparing the HQ 599th concepts of operations in support of PACOM plans.

Time was also set aside for our visitors to enjoy the local Hawaiian customs and take advantage of the tropical December weather.

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